

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph; 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; and 35 U.S.C. 102(b). The Examiner rejected Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). The Examiner allowed Claim 6. Claim 4 was withdrawn from further consideration, as being drawn to a non-elected invention. In this response, the Applicant cancels Claim 5 and amends Claim 3 such that it depends from allowed Claim 6. Claims 3, 4 and 6 are pending in this application, with Claim 4 withdrawn from further consideration, with Claim 6 allowed, and with Claim 3 depending from allowed Claim 6.

The drawings are objected to because the “first end, second end, end step, and end edges” must be shown or the features must be cancelled from Claim 5. Since Claim 5 is now cancelled, both the objection to the drawings and rejections directed to Claim 5 no longer apply.

Furthermore, since Claim 3 now depends from allowed Claim 6, rather than Claim 5, Claim 3 should now be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Applicant submits that both Claims 3 and 6 are now in condition for allowance.

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The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. The Applicant submits that Claims 3 is patentable over the art of record, and solicit a notice of allowance to that claim as well as to Claim 6 previously allowed in substance.

Respectfully submitted,

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